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June 2, 2005

Ms. Joan E. Ohl
Commissioner, Administration on
Children, Youth and Families
330 C Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

Dear Commissioner Ohl:

This letter certifies that Missouri will comply with all applicable requirements and take those actions necessary to receive the FY 2005 Children's Justice Act Grant. The Department of Social Services/Children's Division is the state agency designated to apply for this grant.

Missouri received the FY 2004 Child Abuse and Neglect basic state grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106 (b) of the Act. In December 2004, Missouri's Department of Social Services Director in collaboration with a Missouri Supreme Court Justice restructured the existing state multidisciplinary Task Force on Children's Justice and has adopted By Laws that reflect federal and state statutory requirements.

The state will make reports to the Department of Health and Human Services, as may reasonably be required, including an annual report on how assistance received under this program was expended throughout the State, with particular attention to the areas described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107 (a). We will maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act (CJA). The state will and does maintain records relating to activities under CJA. The state also agrees to participate in at least one federally initiated CJA conference each year that the grant is in effect and is authorized to use grant funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two CJA representatives to attend the conference.

I look forward to the approval of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Matt Blunt in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Matt Blunt

Attachments

cc: Gary Sherman
Frederic M. Simmens



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MEMORANDUM TO GARY SHERMAN, DSS DIRECTOR
FROM: FREDERIC M. SIMMENS, CD DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM GOVERNOR FOR THE ANNUAL APPLICATION
FOR THE TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT (CJA)
GRANT

I have prepared the attached letter for the Governor's signature to accompany the FY 2005 CJA Grant application. A signed letter from Governor Matt Blount is required to apply for the grant. The complete proposal must be mailed from my office by June 6, 2005.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Grant Application – Annual Report



Missouri Department of Social Services

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Prevention • Partnership • Protection

Working with you in protecting Missouri's children.

Our Vision:

Safety, health and well being for every Missouri child!

Our Mission:

To partner with families, communities and government to protect children from abuse and neglect and assure safety, permanency and well being for Missouri's children.

Our Guiding Principles:

PROTECTION — Children have a right to be safe and live free from abuse and neglect.

PERMANENCY — Children are entitled to enduring, nurturing relationships that provide a sense of family, stability and belonging.

PARTNERSHIP - Families, communities and government share the responsibility to create safe, nurturing environments for families to raise their children - only through working together can better outcomes be achieved.

PRACTICE - The family is the basic building block of society and is irreplaceable. Building on their strengths, families are empowered to identify and access services that support, preserve and strengthen their functioning.

PREVENTION - Families are supported through proactive, intentional activities that promote positive child development and prevent abuse and neglect.

PROFESSIONALISM — Staff are valued, respected and supported throughout their career and in turn provide excellent service that values, respects and supports families.

MAINTENANCE OF A TASK FORCE (SECTION 107(B) (2) and 107 (C) (1))

The State of Missouri has established and maintained a multidisciplinary Task Force on Children's Justice, composed of professionals with knowledge of and experience with the criminal justice system and the system handling child physical abuse, child neglect, child sexual abuse and exploitation, and child maltreatment related fatalities. Attached is the Task Force on Children's Justice membership list.

This Task Force has met quarterly and strive to work towards a more comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary system, which responds to reports of child abuse and neglect, as has a positive impact on the health and safety of Missouri's children.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Task Force reviews and evaluates the State's investigative, administrative, and civil and criminal judicial handling of cases of child physical and sexual abuse and neglect. Policy and training recommendations in each of these CJA categories as described in Section 107 (e), of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

The Task Force is creating a Strategic Plan to outline its goals and objective. The Task Force desires to review child welfare practice and make recommendations to the state that would improve the handling of child abuse and neglect reports, child fatalities, multi-jurisdictional issues, training in community multidisciplinary team concepts, and education of mandated reports, particularly as these areas are related to child sexual abuse.

STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Missouri Children's Division reviewed and has responded to the past Task Force recommendations. In compliance with Section 107(e)(2) of the Act, the state has adopted comparable alternatives to several of the recommendations and is making substantial progress toward adopting the remaining recommendations or comparable alternative to such recommendations through our federal Program Improvement Plan related to kinship placement and more diligent background checks.

Included in this report you will find the following:

- Children's Divisions Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles;
- Project Descriptions;
- Budget Description;
- Operational Structure of the Missouri's Task Force on Children's Justice; and
- Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice By-Laws

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS 2005

1. Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Scholarships for October 27-29, 2004 Conference

Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA) has a strong belief that the Children's Division, Division of Youth Services, Juvenile and Family Courts, Department of Mental Health, CASA/GAL and parent/public attendance to the conference is important as all parties are integral components of Missouri's juvenile justice system, specifically as it relates to those children who are abused and/or neglected.

This project provided educational scholarships for 100 employees of Missouri's Children's Division, Department of Mental Health, Juvenile/Family Court, CASA/GALs, and parents for the MJJA conference held October 27-29, 2004.

2. Midwest Foster and Adoption Association

The Midwest Foster and Adoption Association was awarded funding for the Second Annual Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Conference. The conference was held in October 2004 in Kansas City. The purpose of the project is to provide Missouri foster/adoptive parents, social workers, court personnel, attorneys, judges and interested legislators the opportunity to come together in a training conference addressing current issues and barriers in child welfare practice in Missouri.

Grant funding offset the cost of materials and postage needed to prepare for and complete the conference. The conference provided pertinent training addressing current barriers and issues facing child welfare practice in Missouri.

3. Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Scholarships for May 25-27, 2005 Conference

Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA) has a strong belief that the Children's Division, Division of Youth Services, Juvenile and Family Courts, Department of Mental Health, CASA/GAL and parent/public attendance to the conference is important as all parties are integral components of Missouri's juvenile justice system, specifically as it relates to those children who are abused and/or neglected.

This project provided educational scholarships for 100 employees of Missouri's Children's Division, Department of Mental Health, Juvenile/Family Court, CASA/GALs, and parents for the MJJA conference held May 25-27, 2005.

4. Colleagues for Children Newsletter

Colleagues for Children continues its mission as a statewide newsletter for mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect. It is published by Prevent Child Abuse Missouri. The goal is to educate and empower individuals, who work with children, in order to help them make informed decisions when confronted with situations involving the abuse or neglect of a child.

This newsletter has proven to be a continued and valued asset to mandated reporters in Missouri, as it updates them on matters such as new child and family policy and legislation. By encouraging mandated reporters to report incidents of abuse and neglect, the newsletter helps to stop the unnecessary pain and suffering of the youngest members of our society.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS 2005

5. Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of East Central Missouri was funded for two lead forensic interviewers of Finding Words Missouri, to attend the Finding Words Advanced Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interviewing Training. An earlier grant was awarded to CAC of East Central Missouri to establish "Finding Words", a specialized training to improve child protection in Missouri. This grant provided enhanced training for those responsible for training "Finding Words" to include, but not limited to law enforcement, child protection workers and juvenile officers.

This training is offered statewide and improves the protection of children by training those responsible for interviewing the child in abuse/neglect circumstances. The goals of this training are: (1) to provide advanced, comprehensive, on-going child abuse forensic interview training to child abuse investigators and prosecutors in the state of Missouri; (2) to assist in the implementation of the multidisciplinary investigative team approach to child abuse; and (3) to provide consistent, quality, child abuse investigative services accessible to every child in the state of Missouri.

6. Office of State Courts Administrator Comprehensive Child Welfare Conferences 2005

The Office of State Courts Administrators (OSCA) in conjunction with the Children's Division developed a comprehensive Children's Welfare conference offered regionally to address legislation reform, develop action plans for implementing the reforms and refining procedures and educating child welfare staff, juvenile officers, and judges on current issues and trends as they relate to best practices in child welfare.

Seven regional conferences were held throughout the state. Each conference was held for 1.5 days and included multidisciplinary teams for every county in the state. The training was held between March 13 and May 6, 2005. Approximately 700 professionals throughout the state participated in the conferences.

7. Strategic Planning for the Task Force with Brenda Wagenknecht-Ivey

At the request of the newly recommissioned Task Force on Children's Justice members, a Strategic Planning Consultant, utilized by the Supreme Court Commission on Children's Justice was obtained. The State of Missouri is committed to continuing to improve the services provided to children throughout the State. Specifically, the Director of the Department of Social Services and the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court have recently appointed an interdisciplinary Task Force on Children's Justice to critically review and formulate recommendations for enhancing services provided to children by the Department of Social Services - Children's Division and the Family/Juvenile Courts.

Pursuant to the proposed by-laws, the Task Force has both an exciting and challenging purpose. It has numerous areas of responsibility and many complex tasks it must complete to fulfill its charge in the years ahead. In order to get off to a focused start and bring together diverse members of the Task Force, it wants to embark on a strategic planning and priority setting process that will help the Task Force establish an agreed upon roadmap for the future. The roadmap – or plan – will include a common vision of the future, statewide priorities, goals and improvement strategies, and a shorter-term (e.g., 1 year) strategic action agenda.

FUNDED PROJECTS 2005

1. Task Force on Children's Justice Operating Expenses

Funding in the amount of \$4,383.17 is needed to support and maintain the activities, correspondence, teleconferences, and quarterly meetings of the Task Force.

Supplies	\$25.14
Mileage	\$2,600.84
Meals	\$228.56
Miscellaneous	\$1,528.63
Total	\$4,383.17

2. Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Scholarships for October 2004 Conference

This project provided educational scholarships for 100 employees of Missouri's Children's Division, Department of Mental Health, Juvenile/Family Court, CASA/GALs, and parents for the MJJA conference held October 27-29, 2004.

Total Costs	\$37,998
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3. Midwest Foster and Adopt Association

The Midwest Foster and Adoption Association was awarded funding for their second annual conference. The conference will focus on ways to prevent child abuse/neglect and also study recent trends. CJA funding will be used for conference materials and postage.

Total	\$ 47,260
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4. Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Scholarships for May 2005 Conference

This project provided educational scholarships for 100 employees of Missouri's Children's Division, Department of Mental Health, Juvenile/Family Court, CASA/GALs, and parents for the MJJA conference held May 25-27, 2005.

Total Costs	\$37,180
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5. Colleagues for Children Newsletter

Colleagues for Children Newsletter project continues its mission as a statewide newsletter for mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect. It is published biannually by Prevent Child Abuse Missouri and funded by the Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice.

Total	\$85,270.34
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6. Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri

The Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri requested funding to send two staff to "Finding Words" advanced training of trainers, so that the Finding Words training may be better institutionalized within the state. CJA had previously funded the Center to bring the program to Missouri, it was felt that this training would enhance the local program which will help protect Missouri's children.

Total \$ 62,400

7. Office of State Courts Administrator Comprehensive Child Welfare Conferences March through May 2005

The Office of State Courts Administrators (OSCA) in conjunction with the Children's Division coordinated seven regional conferences that were held throughout the state. Each conference was held for 1.5 days and included multidisciplinary teams for every county in the state. The training was held between March 13 and May 6, 2005. Approximately 700 professionals throughout the state participated in the conferences.

Total \$20,793

8. Strategic Planning for the Task Force with Brenda Wagenknecht-Ivey

The Supreme Court Commission on Children's Justice successfully, and with satisfaction, utilized Ms. Brenda Wagenknecht-Ivey as a Strategic Planning consultant. She was recommended to the task force by Co-Chair, Judge Thea Sherry, who is a member of the Commission. Ms. Wagenknecht-Ivey's services will be utilized to facilitate three strategic planning sessions. She will provide a written proposed strategic plan following each session, which the task force will approve.

Total \$21,600

MISSOURI TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE

MEMBERSHIP BIOS

Judge Cary Augustine
(Judge)

Judge Augustine graduated from CMSU in 1975 and UMKC in 1978, worked as Assistant Attorney General from 1978-1981. Judge Augustine has been associate circuit judge for Callaway County since 1981 and Administrative Judge of the Family Court for the 13th circuit since 1994.

Harold Bengsch
(Health Professional)

On November 2, 2004, Mr. Bengsch was elected County Commissioner of Greene County. He is author of 17 publications on communicable disease and other public health subjects. Mr. Bengsch has over 45 years of continuous professional experience in the field of Public Health, of which over 20 were spent as Director of the Springfield-Greene Co Department of Public Health and Welfare. He retired from that position February or 2004. Mr. Bengsch has served as chair of the Greene County Child Death Review Panel since inception of the state law. Mr. Bengsch also enjoys singing in the church choir where he directed the music for almost 39 years.

Alinda Dennis
(Health Professional)

Ms. Dennis is Vice President of Community Initiatives for Heart of America United Way in Kansas City. In this capacity Ms. Dennis oversees United Way's major initiatives and is in charge of the government relations program. Ms. Dennis has over twenty-five years of experience in child welfare and is currently serving as chair of the state and local Child Fatality Review Panels, acting as a mediator/facilitator for the Jackson County Consent Decree Problem-Solving Forum, and chairing The Child Protection Center Community Advisory Council and the Jackson County Children's Division Community Quality Assurance Committee. Ms. Dennis has a Bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Missouri and a Master's degree in social work from the University of Kansas.

Beth Dessem
(CASA)

Ms. Dessem's work has always involved children. Ms. Dessem started the CASA program, first in Macon Georgia, and then in the circuit. Her family moved to Missouri in 2002, when the Missouri CASA Association Board of Directors asked that Ms. Dessem work with their organization. She became Executive Director in January 2003.

Senator Patrick Dougherty
(Legislative)

Sen. Dougherty is a Democrat from District 4 in St. Louis City where he began his legislative career in 1978 with his election to the House and served there until January of 2001 when he won a Special Election to the Senate. During his career spanning 26 years, he has established himself as a champion of children's issues. He was Chair of the House Children, Youth & Families Committee for a number of years and sponsored dozens of bills that became law addressing day care, child abuse/neglect, immunizations, domestic violence, anti-stalking, orders of protection and the re-write of the child custody/visitation laws. Senator Dougherty has written numerous pieces of legislation that addressed energy and environmental issues. Senator Dougherty has also championed health care issues especially those dealing with cancer. He has been involved in bills to

require insurance companies to cover mammograms, uterine and colon cancers, clinical trials and ones to allow young people to make donations of blood and bone marrow. He also wrote or co-wrote most of the recent legislation concerning lead poisoning. Most recently he helped to write the nursing home reform legislation and the new child protection bills. Senator Dougherty graduated from Quincy University and attended Kenrick Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He is a former Division of Family Services Caseworker.

**Ruth R. Ehresman, MSW, LCSW
(Advocate)**

Ms. Ehresman has been the Policy Director of Citizens for Missouri's Children for 10 years. Throughout her professional career, she has been privileged to work with vulnerable families in a variety of settings. Ms. Ehresman began her career as a secondary teacher and elementary school principal. She directed a neighborhood social service ministry in the neighborhood in which she lives, and worked as the director of family programs in a multi-service agency serving abused/neglected children and their families. Ms. Ehresman has participated in the development of public policy at the state level on issues relating to welfare reform, child welfare, nutrition, health and child care. She serves on numerous boards and has been active in many coalitions. In her private life, Ms. Ehresman is a community leader and activist and directs the music at her church.

**Janice S. Ellis, Ph.D.
(Advocate)**

Dr. Ellis is President of the Partnership for Children. Dr. Ellis managed her own full service marketing firm, Ellis Management Marketing Group, Inc. for ten years. Dr. Ellis has nine years of experience in municipal government, eight of those years working with the Mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she developed a budgeting system that gained national and international recognition. Dr. Ellis has a long history of civic and community involvement. Dr. Ellis has published numerous articles for national trade and professional publications. Dr. Ellis holds a Ph.D. in Communication arts, and two Master of Arts degrees, one in Communication arts, one in Political Science, from the University of Wisconsin.

**Bill Foster
(Legislative)**

Bill Foster served in the MO House of Representatives from 1993-1999. He was elected to the MO Senate in 2000. Mr. Foster chaired Education Committee for two years; Chaired Senate Interim Committee to Improve Children's Protective Services & Foster Care; he served on the Commission on Children's Justice; he served on the Children's Services Commission; he also served on the Joint Legislative Committee on Out-of-School Programs. Mr. Foster is a member of the First Church of God where he taught Sunday school in the children's department for 30 years and served as the Director of Junior Church for many years. Governor Bob Holden appointed Mr. Foster to the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission on September 10, 2004.

**Judge Jon R. Gray
(Judge)**

Judge Gray was appointed to the bench in 1986 by Gov. John Ashcroft. He received a Bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1973, and a law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1976. Before assuming the bench, he was an Assistant County Counselor in Jackson County; engaged

in private law practice; was a partner in the law firm of Gray, Payne and Roque; and was the attorney for the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners. Judge Gray is a faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. He is a member of Centennial United Methodist Church, the Mt. Oread Lodge #76, F&AM, and the Kansas City Consistory #7, P.H.A.

Laurie Honan
(Mental Health professional,
advocate)

One of Ms. Honan's daughter's well-worn tee-shirts reads: "Within the child lies the fate of the future." (Montessori). This statement sums up the reason Ms. Honan chose a career in working with families and children. She graduated from Westminster College in Fulton, MO and after a brief period of "finding herself," she began working for people with disabilities and focusing on children's welfare issues. For a practicum, she worked at the St. Louis County Detention Center as an art therapist. Upon completion of a certification program from the St. Louis Institute on Art Psychotherapy, she moved to Kansas City. Ms. Honan's first position in Kansas City was at Evangelical Children's Home, a residential treatment facility. At this time she married and started a family and began attending classes part time to earn a Master's in Social Work. She then worked for the State of MO: Division of Family Services, Jackson County office. Ms. Honan's family moved to Warrensburg Missouri and she worked as a school based social worker. After working for the school district she took a job with Catholic Charities training people who wanted to be foster or adoptive parents. Ms. Honan has also worked in private practice as a clinical social worker. She moved to Jefferson City in September 2002 and decided to focus her energy on raising her girls.

Charles R. Jackson
(Law Enforcement)

Mr. Jackson had served as the Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety from May 2001 to November 2004. Prior to this appointment he was Director of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Traffic Division. Mr. Jackson has served in the following capacities: Enforcement Officer, Columbia, Missouri; Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Officer, MO State Highway Patrol; Assistant Director, Traffic Records Division, MO State Highway Patrol; Director of Public Information Division, MO State Highway Patrol; and Commanding Officer, Troop F. Mr. Jackson served as a Missouri State Highway Patrolman for 26 1/2 years. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and a member of several advisory boards. Mr. Jackson received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Lincoln University, Jefferson City.

Karenanne Miller
(Attorney)

Ms. Miller has practiced law since 1981 in a variety of areas including but not limited to domestic and juvenile law. She is a Regional Trustee of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri for the Springfield campus, and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Council of Churches project, Families for Children - an effort to recruit foster families from area churches. The majority of her juvenile court practice centers around Guardian ad Litem work in abuse and neglect cases, as well as some representation of parents in those cases.

Kim R. Moeckel

Ms. Moeckel graduated in 1985 with a Master of Social Work

(Criminal Justice – juvenile)

Degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Her work experience includes residential care settings, program and community development, foster care and delinquency casework. Ms. Moeckel has been an employee of the Family Court of St. Louis County since April of 1986. Ms. Moeckel currently works as Manager of Community Relations and handles all public relations and media inquiries for the Court. Ms. Moeckel supervises staff responsible for community based programs, oversees grants and assists in various other Human Resource functions. Ms. Moeckel was past Board Member and Executive Committee Member of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association. Ms. Moeckel is currently the board President.

Jim Richardson
(Advocate, Law Enforcement)

Mr. Richardson currently serves as board secretary for Vision for Children at Risk, a coalition of St. Louis area youth serving agencies and child advocates. Mr. Richardson is a retired St. Louis police officer (35 years of service). He has a long history of involvement with various school and juvenile justice activities: among them police-juvenile officer, school liaison officer, patrol supervisor, watch commander, detective unit commander, and juvenile division commander. Mr. Richardson has served on the Missouri Bar Commission on Children and the Law (4 terms); the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges advisory committees for the Janiculum Project, Reentry Initiative and Delinquency Guidelines Development. He also served on the (1997-98) Missouri Child Fatality Review Task Force. He has been and continues to be involved in activities to support youth and families. He was a member of the previous Task Force on Children's Justice. He is currently a member of the (MO) Division of Youth Services advisory board.

Lori Ross
(Parent representative, advocate)

Ms. Ross has been a foster/adoptive parent since 1985, having cared for more than 300 foster children. Ms. Ross and her husband are the birth parents of five children and the adoptive parents of fifteen children. She has worked with the MO Children's Division as a teaching foster parent since 1991, providing pre-service and in-service training to hundreds of foster/adoptive parents. Ms. Ross is one of the founding members of the Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association, a non profit agency providing support and services to Missouri Foster and Adoptive Parents, and currently serves as the agency's Executive Director. Ms. Ross volunteers her time with the North American Council on Adoptable Children, and serves as their subsidy representative for the western half of Missouri. Ms. Ross participates in numerous child welfare related boards and task forces, and has received several awards for community service.

Judge Thea A. Sherry
(Judge)

Judge Sherry has served as an Associate Circuit Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County) since 1998. She is a member of the Supreme Court Family Court Committee, Co-chair of the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Council, and a member of the Steering Committee for the Greenbook initiative on Domestic Violence and co-occurrence of child maltreatment. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Sherry was in private practice, focusing on domestic and juvenile litigation. She also served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Gerald M. Smith (ret.) at the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. In addition

she has been active on the Boards of several community organizations as well as the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and is a charter member of the Women Lawyers Association of Greater St. Louis. Judge Sherry has a B.A. in History from the University of California, Riverside and a J.D. Degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

Mike Siebe
(Child Protective Services representative)

Mr. Siebe has been employed with the Missouri Children's Division since 1995. Mr. Siebe received his BA in Psychology from Northeast Missouri State University and his Masters in Social Work from the University of Missouri, Columbia. While pursuing his MSW, Mr. Siebe focused his study on Community Development related to the prevention of Child Abuse. Mr. Siebe currently serves as a Program Manager for the Children's Division, but has experience working with alternative care and assessment cases. Mr. Siebe has served on numerous committees, including local Community Response teams, Sustainable Neighborhoods, Caring for Kids and the Child and Family Services Review. Mr. Siebe serves as a youth minister at his church and volunteers regularly at Sunshine Mission, a homeless shelter in St. Louis City.

Sue Stepleton
(Advocate – parent education)

Ms. Stepleton has been president and CEO of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) National Center since early 2001, overseeing the family support/parent education work of PAT in all fifty states and six countries outside of the United States. Prior to this position Ms. Stepleton was Executive Director of Edgewood Children's Center in St. Louis, a social service agency providing treatment, education and prevention services to families and children. Ms. Stepleton is currently co-chair of the National Advisory Committee for Family Support and Family Preservation for the Child Welfare League of America, where she also serves on the National Advisory Council of Executives. She chairs the Dean's Professional Advisory Committee of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work and is a trustee of the Deaconess Foundation in addition to other professional activities and involvement. She was formerly a trustee of the National Center for Juvenile Justice. Her educational background includes public policy, social work and business administration.

Representative Bryan P. Stevenson
(Legislative)

Rep. Stevenson represents parts of Jasper and Newton Counties (District 128) in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Stevenson was elected to the House in November 2002. He serves a Vice-Chairman of the Children and Families Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations for Department of Health, Mental Health and Social Services; Judiciary, and Budget Committees. Rep. Stevenson also served as the Chairman of the Interim Committee on Habilitation Centers in 2003. Rep. Stevenson was awarded the Missouri Police Chief's Association 2003 Legislative Appreciation Award. He was honored for his service to MO and the State's Judiciary for his legislative efforts. He was recognized for his leadership on important judiciary issues and for his work as the only freshman legislator member of the Commission on Children's Justice. Rep. Stevenson was given the Outstanding Legislator Award by the MO Association of Rehabilitation Facilities for his hard work as Chairman of the Interim Committee on

Habilitation Centers. Rep. Stevenson is an attorney in private practice with Stevenson Law Office PC. He has been a practicing attorney since 1999 working in various law firms throughout the country, and also working as an intern in 1998 for Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson in Washington, DC preparing and reviewing legislation.

Allan F. Stewart
(Attorney)

Mr. Stewart is a practicing attorney in Clayton, Missouri. Mr. Stewart's practice is concentrated in the area of family law with heavy emphasis on children's issues, including but not limited to custody, adoption, and artificial reproductions technology. Mr. Stewart is a graduate of the University of Missouri St. Louis holding a bachelor degree in political science and of the St. Louis University Law School holding a JD. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Bars of the State of Missouri, Illinois, and Maryland. Mr. Stewart has been active in the Missouri Bar and is currently the editor of the Missouri Bar Family Law Section Newsletter. Mr. Stewart is a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. In the past Mr. Stewart has served extensively as Guardian ad Litem and has presented frequently at training programs for Guardians ad Litem. Mr. Stewart was co-chair of the predecessor Task Force on Children's Justice.

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PROPOSED DRAFT
MISSOURI TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership

The Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice shall consist of 21 members who shall be appointed jointly by the Director of the Department of Social Services and the Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice. The membership shall include, but not be limited to: law enforcement; judges and attorneys involved in both civil and criminal court proceedings related to child abuse and neglect; child advocates, including both attorneys for children and, where such programs are in operation, court appointed special advocates (CASA); health and mental health professionals; individuals representing child protective service agencies; individuals experienced in working with children with disabilities; and representatives of parents' groups.

The membership shall be representative of the various geographic regions and socioeconomic population of the state. Members of the task force shall be residents or employees in the State of Missouri. Not more than eleven members of the board shall be from the same political party. Members of the task force shall be appointed for a term of four years. Reappointment will be limited to three terms. Initial appointment will be comprised of staggering membership by thirds to serve two, three and four year terms, respectively.

Nonvoting members may be invited to attend, participate, or present information to the task force on an ad hoc basis. Their participation will be time-limited, at the discretion of the co-chairpersons.

ARTICLE II

Powers and Duties

The task force shall meet with the Director of the Children's Division and the State Courts Administrator, or their designees, a minimum of four times each year for the purpose of reviewing the activities of the division and shall file a written report with the Governor, General Assembly, the Chief Justice and the Director of the Department of Social Services regarding recommendations on agency policy and practice and the family/juvenile court practice, including their collaborative efforts with community child welfare agencies and other nonpublic entities. The task force, or a committee thereof, shall review individual case information as frequently as it deems necessary.

The task force shall review and evaluate state investigative, administrative and both civil and criminal judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect. The task force shall act as an Advisory Committee in which the task force will review, provide input, and evaluate DSS Children's Division priorities and progress. The task force shall make policy and training recommendations. The task force shall monitor the progress made on the recommendations included in the Final Report issued in June 2003 by the Missouri Supreme Court Commission on

Children's Justice, and any subsequent reports that may be issued by the commission, and annually notify the Chief Justice and the Director of the Department of Social Services of their findings. The task force shall review and the State shall submit an annual application to the Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, for funding and shall have the authority to expend such funding, as appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly, for purposes of administration, operation, and to make grants of funds to be used in compliance with state and federal law. The task force will actively participate in strategizing public awareness efforts of DSS Children's Division.

The task force shall act as a Citizen Review Panel. Its duties as a Citizen Review Panel shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Reviewing the Children's Division's compliance with the State Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Plan, child protection standards;
- Assisting the Children's Division in the coordination of foster care/adoption program;
- Assisting in the review of child fatalities and near fatalities;
- Examining policies, procedures, and where appropriate, specific cases; and
- Generating an annual report to be released to the public.

The Citizen Review Panel shall have access to any Children's Division case files and records necessary to the performance of its responsibilities. All members of the task force are subject to the confidentiality provisions set forth in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Section 210.150, RSMo.

No official task force business shall be conducted without a legally constituted quorum. The attendance of 14 task force members at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise provided for by prior approval of the task force, all actions taken on behalf of the task force must be approved by a vote of 2/3 of the members present or 14 members, whichever is less. The task force shall have the authority to delegate limited approval authority to any standing committee as is necessary for the complete and efficient fulfillment of the task force's responsibilities.

The task force shall have the authority to propose amendments or modifications to these By-Laws. Such proposal shall be made to the director of the Children's Division and the State Court Administrator and presented by the director and administrator to the Director of the Department of Social Services and the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court for approval. Upon approval by the Director of Social Services and the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, any such amendment or modification shall be effective.

ARTICLE III

Committees

The task force shall have three standing committees: Finance, Legislative/Policy and Training. The chairpersons and members of each committee shall be named by the co-chairpersons of the task force. Each committee shall consist of at least five members of the task force who shall be voting members. Three voting committee members shall constitute a quorum. Each committee

may also include not more than six non-voting members who are neither members of the division staff nor members of the task force. The co-chairpersons of the task force shall jointly appoint the nonvoting members of the committees, if appropriate. The duty of the nonvoting members shall be to confer with and advise the voting members of the committees on matters before the committees. All actions or proposals approved by the committees by majority vote must be presented to the task force for final approval.

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for assisting with developing and implementing the strategic plan of task force priorities and commit to funding projects devoted to those priorities. The Finance Committee shall establish written guidelines regarding the dispersion of funds, subject to the approval of the task force. The Finance Committee shall make recommendations on funding proposals/projects to the task force. Such funding shall be utilized to assist the priorities of the DSS Children's Division, as designed and implemented, to comply with the requirements of CAPTA. The Finance Committee does not have the authority to fund such proposals/projects without task force approval, except that the task force shall have the authority to delegate to the Finance Committee the authority to approve general administration and operation expenditures, and grants of an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

The Legislation/Policy Committee shall be responsible for reviewing DSS Children's Division policy, priorities and progress toward recommendations, in addition to reviewing legislation impacting DSS and the courts.

The Training Committee shall be responsible for assisting DSS Children's Division and Office of State Court Administrator (OSCA) to focus efforts on multidisciplinary training annually. Additionally, this committee shall review and evaluate DSS Children's Division's training strategies and its communication plan.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The officers of the task force shall be co-chairpersons, both of whom shall be designated by the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court and the Director of the Department of Social Services.

The co-chairpersons shall preside at all meetings of the task force, shall execute all instruments for and on behalf of the task force, and shall perform such other duties as the board may prescribe or authorize.

The terms of both co-chairpersons shall run for two years of their four-year task force term, and each co-chairperson may be reappointed for one additional two-year term.

The co-chairpersons shall appoint the chairperson and membership of each standing committee. Committee Chairpersons: Finance, Legislative/Policy, and Training will adhere to the above requirements. The task force co-chairpersons may appoint additional committees as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE V

Attendance and Expenses

All task force members are expected to actively participate and attend the regular meetings of the task force. When a task force member is absent from three of the four scheduled meetings during a calendar year without giving notice or reason for being unable to attend, the member can be removed from the task force. The task force by a majority vote can recommend to the Director of Department of Social Services and the Supreme Court Chief Justice removal of a task force member. Upon approval by the department director and the Supreme Court Chief Justice, the member who is removed from the board will be notified of this action in writing by the co-chairperson of the Missouri Children's Justice Act Task Force.

Task force members shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in attending the task force meetings and conducting approved business. DSS' Children's Division and OSCA shall jointly provide administrative support to the task force.



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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.


(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature 

Title DIRECTOR

Organization CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645(a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions

may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).

7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).

8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --

(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number (s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-- Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency

entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-- Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-- Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, [[Page 33043]] should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility an Voluntary Exclusion--
Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. By signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

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Overall Expectations of Missouri Task Force on Children's Justice Children's Division Perspective

1. Review and Submit Recommendations on Areas of Concern: Upon the presentation by Children's Division on priority issues and action plans within the current Child Welfare policy, practice, or legislation, the Task Force will examine, evaluate and potentially make recommendations or support of such identified areas of improvements.
2. Advocate for Improvements in Child Welfare System in Missouri
3. Active Citizen Review Panel:
 - a. examine extent Missouri is effectively discharging our child protection responsibilities in accordance to our State Plan (IV-B Plan); Child Protection Standards (i.e., COA);
 - b. review the foster care and adoption programs are meeting federal mandates;
 - c. review child fatalities or near fatalities; and
 - d. provide for public outreach and comment in order to assess the impact of current procedures and practices upon child and families in the community.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FINANCED BY THE TASK FORCE ON CHILDRENS JUSTICE

<i>Year, Month</i>	<i>Project, Amount Awarded</i>
1995-1998	NCPCA, approximately \$25,000.00 for mandated reporter's newsletter, 4 issues have been printed to date.
1997	MoCASA Conference on GAL training brochure and newsletter printing and mailing.
1997	The Victim Center, contract to co-produce booklet for children going to court, \$12,500.00.
1997	DFS Booklets, \$100,000.00.
1997	Stone County Assistant Team, \$9,198.00 for equipment for investigation of child sexual abuse.
1997	Citizens for Missouri's children, \$10,000.00 for research project.
1998	MoCASA, printing and mailing newsletter, \$844.
1998	MOPS, \$9,040.00 for 1998 Statewide training for Prosecutors, Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse.
1998	The Victim Center, Springfield, \$2,500.00 for 20 scholarships to attend their conference on child sexual abuse.
1998	Synergy Services, \$8,916.15, awarded for equipment for Child Advocacy Center.
1998	Missouri Juvenile Sexual Perpetrator Treatment Network, \$9,920.00 for scholarships and fee waivers for statewide attendees at training conference.
1998	CMC, \$1,000.00 for 7 scholarships for attendees to Assembly for Children and Families.
1998	MJJA, \$3,437.00 for speaker and handouts at yearly training conference.
1998	\$71,591.00 for 1999 Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Conference in St. Louis.
1999	MoCASA, printing and mailing newsletter, \$1,233.33.
1999	MOPS, for May 1999 conference, \$7,500.00.
1999	MJJA, \$3,500.00 for speaker.
1999	MPJOA, \$4,010.00.
1999	Prevent Child Abuse MO, Mandated Reporter Video, \$17,808.00.
1999	MoCASA, 2 newsletters, \$2,466.00.
1999	Synergy Training for CAC workers, \$8,865.00.

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1999	MOPS conference for 2000, \$13,070.00.
1999	STAT, \$54,502.85.
1999	DFS Accreditation Fee, \$60,000.00.
2000	Mandated Newsletter by Colleagues for Children, 4 newsletters, \$42,284.00.
2000	MoCASA, 4 newsletters, \$6,700.00.
2000	Victim Services Conference, \$5,000.00.
2000	MoCASA, statewide training, \$3,025.00.
2000	Citizens for MO Children, development of a resource manual, \$5,140.00.
2000	MO Police Juvenile Officer's Association, speakers fee \$2,845.50.
2000	STAT, for Child Fatality Review Panel Training, \$23,383.00.
2000	MOPS, conference in Spring of 2001, \$16,410.00.
2000	STAT, \$50,000.00.
2000	St. Louis Children's Hospital, \$10,000.00
2000	MoCASA, 4 newsletters, \$4,598.32.
2000	Core Curriculum, JWW & Associates, \$50,000.00
2000	MoCASA, 2 newsletters, \$2,492.00
2001	Mandated Newsletter by Colleagues for Children, 4 newsletters, \$46,128.00
2001	DFS Structured Decision Making, \$9,900.00
2001	MPJOA, \$3,3100.00
2001	MOPS 2002 Conference, \$18,130.00
2001	CA/N Conference, 2002, speaker fees, \$1,500.00
2001	DFS Structured Decision Making, \$24,924.00
2001	Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association, Inc, \$20,000.00
2001	State Technical Assistance Team, \$21,347.00
2001	MJJA, 2001 Conference, 16 scholarships, \$2,400.00
2001	Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association, Inc, \$23,700.00
2001	State Technical Assistance Team, \$32,382.10

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2001	Prevent Child Abuse MO, for 2003 National CA/N Conference being held in St. Louis, MO, \$50,000.00
2002, March	Children's Advocacy Center of East Central MO \$40,000.00
2002, March	MO Police Juvenile Officers Association (MPJOA) \$2,684.00
2002, March	MO Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) \$3,000.00
2002, March	Colleagues for Children Newsletter (Prevent Child Abuse MO) \$49,691.34
2002, June	National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges \$60,000.00
2002, June	DFS - Scholarships for CA/N Conference Oct 2002 \$9,555.00
2002, June	DFS - Institute of Applied Research, DFS Child Protection Proposal \$50,000.00
2002, June	Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA) \$6,587.20
2002, June	MO Police Juvenile Officers Association (MPJOA) \$2,684.00
2002, June	DFS - Training Unit \$3,537.45
2002, December	National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges \$17,564.15
2003, March	Finding Words Advanced Training \$3,380.00
2003, March	Finding Words MO Scholarships \$39,550.00
2003, March	Midwest Foster and Adopt Association - Materials & Postage \$5,000.00
2003, June	MO Juvenile Justice Association \$23,220.00
2003, June	Citizens for MO Children \$12,365.00 cancelled due to veto of bill
2003, September	Citizens for MO Children \$3,952.00
2003, September	Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association Conference \$45,000.00
2003, December	Prevent Child Abuse MO \$15,000.00
2003, December	East Central MO CAC Finding Word Scholarships for 2004 \$62,400.00
2004, March	North Central MO Children's Advocacy Center - \$3,323.38 Training Interviewers for the Advocacy Center
2004, March	Missouri Juvenile Justice Association - \$36,000.00 Scholarships for Registration Fees for 20 employees for May 26-28, 2004 Conference.
2004, September	Missouri Juvenile Justice Association - \$37,998.00 Scholarships for Registration Fees for 20 employees for October 27-29, 2004 Conference.

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2004, September	Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association - \$47,260.00 Scholarships for Fall 2004 Conference.
2004, December	Missouri Juvenile Justice Association - \$37,180.00 Scholarships for Spring 2005 Conference.
2004, December	Office of State Courts Administrator - \$20,793.00 Comprehensive Children's Welfare Conference March 13 to May 6, 2005.